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In re Patent Application of)	MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE
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Application No.: 10/051,055)	Examiner: Tom V Sheng
Filed: January 22, 2002)	Confirmation No.: 1789
For: INPUT DATA PROCESSING)	
DEVICE, DATA PROCESSING)	
METHOD AND COMPUTER)	
PROGRAM PRODUCT EXCELLENT)	
IN GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE)	
FUNCTION AND VERSITILITY)	

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Sir:

Upon review of the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanying the Notice of Allowance dated October 7, 2004, Applicant's note the following:

In summarizing the claims on page 2, section 2, at lines 1-7, the Examiner appears to summarize some of the features recited in independent claim 1, which is directed to an input data processing device. It is to be noted, however, that not every independent claim is directed to a device as the Examiner's assertion appears

Response To Examiner's Amendment/Comment

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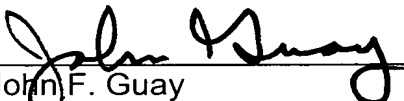
to suggest. For instance, independent claim 8 is directed to a data processing method and independent claim 13 is directed to a computer program product for executing an input data process by a computer. For example, in lines 4-5, the Examiner appears to suggest that claims 8 and 13 recite a "position detecting portion" and an "output portion." This language, however, is not found in claims 8 and 13.

Applicants respectfully assert that each and every claim independently distinguishes over the cited references on their own merits, as delineated in the features of the claims. Applicants do not ask for remedial action at this time, unless of course the Examiner believes further clarification is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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